

ABSTRACTFIXING ASSEMBLIES AND METHODS

Disclosed is an assembly for assisting in the attachment of an  
5 applicant such as a winch to a surface (e.g. deck) of a watercraft  
such as a sailing boat.

Fixing screws are retained in apertures in the winch by  
retaining means such as lock washers. The assembly of the winch and  
screws may therefore be produced at a location remote from the  
10 watercraft, the retaining meanings holding the screws against  
rotation during transportation and during fixing of the appliance to  
the surface of the watercraft.